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MINISTERS NOVEMBER 22 POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING:

MIDDLE EAST AND, SOUTH AFRICA

REF: A) BRUSSELS 16840 (NOTAL)

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SUMMARY. BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY OFFICER (WILLEMS) GAVE US A READ-OUT NOVEMBER 23 ON THE EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTER'S NOVEMBER 22 POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING THAT CORROBORATES AND EXPANDS UPON THE THOROUGH USEEC REPORTING (REFTELS) ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

1. MIDDLE EAST - WILLEMS SAID THAT FIRST DRAFT OF WHAT BECAME THE EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS' STATEMENT ON THE SADAT TRIP (REFTEL B) WAS A JOINT FRENCH-GERMAN DRAFT THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD WORKED ON TOGETHER - VIA TELEGRAM - BEFORE THE CONVENING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS. WILLEMS SAID THERE WAS COMPLETE AGREEMENT AMONG THE MINISTERS ABOUT THE NEED FOR A POSITIVE STATEMENT AND IT TOOK VERY LITTLE TIME TO WORK OUT A FINAL TEXT BUILDING ON THE FRENCH-GERMAN DRAFT. WILLEMS SAID FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IMPRESSED UPON HIS COLLEAGUES TWO POINTS: (A) THE NEED TO INDUCE ISRAEL TO MOVE ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA, AND (B) THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALING THE RIFT IN THE ARAB WORLD CAUSED BY THE SADAT TRIP.

2. SOUTH AFRICA - WILLEMS TOLD US THAT DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL PROPOSED TO HIS COLLEAGUES
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THAT THE NINE STOP ALL NEW INVESTMENT AND EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES FOR SOUTH AFRICA FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. WILLEMS SAID DUTCH PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACTED UPON BECAUSE REST OF THE MINISTERS FELT THAT THE NINE SHOULD UNDERTAKE NO NEW SOUTH AFRICAN INITIATIVES (REFTEL B) UNTIL THE EFFECTS OF THE PRESENT EFFORTS - EC JOINT DEMARCHE, CODE OF CONDUCT. U.N. ARMS EMBARGO - CAN BE STUDIED. HE SAID MINISTERS DID DECIDE:

- THAT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD REMAIN A "PERMANENT AGREED ITEM" FOR ALL LEVELS OF EC POLITICAL COOPERATION UNTIL CONDITIONS THERE IMPROVE; AND

- THAT INDIVIDUAL EC COUNTRIES SHOULD KEEP OCTOBER 26 JOINT EC DEMARCHE IN FRONT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT BY MAKING INDIVIDUAL, BILATERAL DEMARCHES IN PRETORIA. CHAMBERS

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